OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
Significant Activities
13 - 26 October 1973

## 1. Middle East Communications Support Summary:

a. Communications facilities at all Stations and Bases involved in the Middle East crisis continue to operate satisfactorily. There have been no significant technical or operational problems, other than long hours and personnel shortages, at any station in the area. With the arrival of additional personnel at

on 19 and 22 October relief has been provided to the three crisis area Stations which had previously been operating with only one man.

b. Traffic volumes have been extremely heavy. In one 24-hour period the U.S. Base Station processed 39,000 transmissions, of which 12,000 were IMMEDIATE and 1,400 were FLASH precedence. A large proportion of the volume Base Station load is associated with the Middle East situation and additional load is also being felt due to the destruction of station files in the crisis area.

about 28,000 transmissions of which 5,000 would be IMMEDIATE and 20 FLASH.

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